

FRENCH IMPROVED THEIR POSITIONS NEAR LOCRE ON FLANDERS FRONT; GERMANS DID NOT RENEW ATTACK

British Rushed German Posts in the Western Sector on the Somme Front and Captured Prisoners, According to a London Official Statement

GREATER ACTIVITY IN PICARDY MAY MEAN BATTLE BEFORE AMIENS

London, May 1.—French troops last night improved their positions near Locre on the Flanders front, the war office announced to-day. The British rushed German posts in the Meteren sector and took prisoners.

Field Marshal Haig reported last night as follows:

"In a successful counter-attack last night at Locre the French troops captured 44 prisoners.

"Further reports confirm the fact that the enemy's losses were very heavy in his unsuccessful attack yesterday.

"South of the Somme our patrols brought in a few prisoners. Beyond the usual artillery activity on both sides there is nothing further to report."

London, via Ottawa, May 1.—As the details of Monday's fighting are received, confirming the fact that it was the worst day the Germans have experienced since the opening of their great offensive, the English newspapers, hitherto reticent in view of the fluctuation of the battle, now comment on the operations in a tone of confidence they have not hitherto displayed.

Other strikes will undoubtedly come before the German reserves are exhausted, but confidence is felt that wherever the Germans try they will find the allies ready. There is growing hope that the Ypres will not be abandoned. The correspondents emphasize the fact that everything favored the Germans Monday, yet they failed after experiencing a day of steady slaughter.

ONLY ARTILLERY BATTLE ON SOMME

Neither Side Has Launched Infantry Attack Although Bombardment Has Been Quite Intense.

Paris, May 1.—Artillery duels of some intensity occurred last night on the Somme front near Villers-Bretonneux and on both sides of the Aves river southeast of Amiens, says to-day's war office report.

The war office report last night was as follows:

"The region of Hangard was violently bombarded during the course of the day. In the Noyon sector a German attack resulted in a spirited engagement. Our troops drove the enemy from advanced elements where they had taken foot in the first assault and re-established their line. Patrol encounters occurred on the left bank of the Oise."

AMERICANS DOWN GERMAN PLANE

This Is the Third Enemy Plane Brought Down by Their Forces in Three Weeks.

With the American Army in France, Tuesday, April 30 (By Associated Press).—A German airplane was brought down in enemy territory last night by Captain Norman Hall of Colfax, Ia., and Lieutenant Edward V. Richenbacher of Columbus, O., well known as an automobile racer in the United States, after a duel over the American line on the Toul sector. This was the third enemy machine bagged by the Americans in three weeks. Several others have been unofficially reported as down.

"SATISFIED FULLY."

Premier Clemenceau of France Tells of Progress of Battle.

Paris, May 1.—Premier Clemenceau, just returned from the front, yesterday explained the situation confidentially to a crowd of members of the Chamber of Deputies. It is understood he declared that he was satisfied fully with the trend of events.

SHELLING THE GERMANS.

American and French Artillery Is Very Active.

With the American Army in France, Tuesday, April 30 (By Associated Press).—The situation along the American sector is gradually becoming stabilized. There were no infantry encounters in the last 24 hours, although small patrol parties or outposts have met in the darkness and mist. American and French artillery have been most active in shelling the enemy back areas. The German artillery was less active than on the days immediately after the Americans appeared on this sector.

Nearly One-Third Raised.

St. Albans, May 1.—Dr. Grace Sherwood, chairman for Vermont of the American Woman's Hospital Association for Relief Work in Europe, states that over \$300 has been raised of the \$1,000 asked from Vermont, and sent to the New York headquarters, and she expects the balance will be secured. Clubs about the state are responding well. Of the women who are going to Europe to engage in this relief work one unit has already arrived there and the rest of the 500 who registered for active service are being equipped as rapidly as possible.

MORE PRESSING OFFER OF PEACE

Is to Be Made by Pope Benedict on May 19

BERLIN REPORTED TO BE SYMPATHETIC

Pope Will Offer Mediation with Co-operation of the Neutral Sovereigns

The Hague, May 1 (British Admiralty per Wireless Press).—Pope Benedict intends to issue a new peace offer May 19, Cologne newspapers announce. The document, it is said, will be of more pressing nature than formerly and will contain concrete offers of mediation by the pope, with the possible co-operation of neutral sovereigns.

Similar information of the pope's intentions, it is said, has reached Berlin, where it has been received sympathetically.

GOING TO SEE KAISER.

Emperor Charles and Foreign Minister Burian to Start Soon.

London, May 1.—Emperor Charles of Austria-Hungary and Baron Burian, foreign minister, will proceed almost immediately to German headquarters to confer with the German emperor, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Zurich. It is said that Ukrainian and Balkan affairs will be discussed.

TWO LIEUTENANTS MISSING IN ACTION. ANOTHER WOUNDED

William H. Jenkins and Franklin B. Pedrick Reported To-day as Missing in Total Casualties of 72 Americans.

Washington, D. C., May 1.—The casualty list to-day contained 72 names: Killed in action, 8; died of wounds, 1; died of accident, 1; died of disease, 3; died of other causes, 1; wounded severely, 5; wounded slightly, 51; missing in action, 2.

Lieutenants William H. Jenkins and Franklin B. Pedrick are missing in action, and Lieutenant Nathan C. Reed was slightly wounded.

VERMONTERS IN CASUALTIES.

Elton Allen and John Larvey Are Reported.

St. Johnsbury, May 1.—Elton Allen, son of James Allen of Peacham, is among American soldiers reported seriously wounded in action.

John Larvey, son of John Larvey of Melrose, is reported missing. Allen was a member of the 1st machine gun battalion and enlisted from Hartford, Conn.

NO ICE PROFITEERING.

Manufacture and Distribution Comes Under Food Control Act.

St. Albans, May 1.—The federal food administration for Vermont has just been notified by Washington that the law department of the food administration has ruled that the manufacture and distribution of ice comes under the food control act.

The food administration is concerned that there should be no profiteering in the ice and especially that the cost of ice to those elements of the community which are least able to protect themselves should not be increased over last year unless absolute proof can be given by the ice companies as to the necessity of such an increase.

PERSISTENCY REWARDED.

Not Only Got Into Army But Is Now in Line for Lieutenancy.

Among the men nominated for appointment as second lieutenants at Camp Devens yesterday was a Norwich university junior, who was so anxious to get into the war service that after failing to pass the physical examination at Plattsburg and being about to be rejected by the Washington county exemption board he secured a chance to enlist. He was David Cedar.

Cedar's physical defect was a slight trouble with the spine. He was told by Dr. J. H. Woodruff of the local board what he could do to remedy the defect enough to get by the physical examination. So Cedar went to work on the trapeze and other gymnastic paraphernalia and was finally accepted, being drafted from Manchester, N. H.

BARRE CITY COAL PRICES

As Determined by the Local Fuel Committee May 1, 1918.

Size	500 lbs.	1,000 lbs.	2,000 lbs.	Jeddo
Broken	\$2.00	\$3.00	\$4.00	\$1.50
Egg	\$2.05	\$3.15	\$4.25	\$1.55
Stove	\$2.10	\$3.20	\$4.30	\$1.60
Net	\$2.15	\$3.25	\$4.35	\$1.65
Fen	\$2.20	\$3.30	\$4.40	\$1.70

100-lb. bags \$.65
Bagged \$.25
Carried \$.50

In basing the price at which coal shall be sold in this city, we have taken into consideration the request of the government that all persons who possibly can will take delivery of their coal at as early a date as possible, and the prices made by us are based on the present price of coal which there is every reason to believe will be increased in the near future. The prices made by us at this time will only hold good on coal delivered and paid for within 30 days of any increase in price.

TAKEN FROM BENEATH CAR.

George Decker Taken to Hospital After Auto Overturned.

St. Albans, May 1.—George Decker of Georgia was brought to the Sherwood sanatorium in this city late yesterday afternoon, suffering from injuries received when an automobile in which he was riding with Mr. Wakefield of Georgia, overturned. The accident occurred when Mr. Wakefield in turning out to a team, went too near the ditch.

A party of linemen from the Public Electric Light company, coming home from Milton on their truck, saw the overturned car and went to the aid of the men, who were pinned beneath. A passing automobile brought Mr. Decker to the sanatorium. His head and right leg were badly cut. Mr. Wakefield drove his car home.

RECORD BROKEN ON BOND BUYERS

Up to To-day 12,000,000 Persons Had Bought in Third Issue

TOTAL SUBSCRIPTION OVER \$2,500,000,000

And the Returns for Last 24 Hours Were Not All Tabulated

Washington, D. C., May 1.—All records for the number of subscribers to Liberty bonds was broken to-day when the treasury tabulation showed approximately 12,000,000 persons had bought bonds of the third issue. The total subscriptions were sent above \$2,500,000,000 by the early reports.

The total subscriptions as announced by the treasury were \$2,509,814,600.

President Wilson, who has subscribed for nearly \$20,000, responded to the "Buy another bond" appeal by agreeing to buy a \$50 bond on the installment plan. He said he hoped a million or more other Americans would buy another bond.

Subscriptions by districts were announced last night as follows:

District	Subscription	Pct.
Minneapolis	\$131,892,500	125
St. Louis	\$133,306,850	117
Kansas City	\$144,290,900	110
Chicago	\$80,537,750	91
San Francisco	\$86,117,050	88
Dallas	\$9,178,150	86
Boston	\$20,077,450	83
Cleveland	\$24,247,200	80
Philadelphia	\$17,486,450	78
Richmond	\$9,795,750	69
New York	\$92,022,700	65
Atlanta	\$2,702,450	58

The most notable feature of the district records was the spur of the Atlanta district from 37 to 68 per cent, bringing it within 7 per cent of the New York district.

25 VERMONT MEN GRADUATE AT DEVENS

Are in Line for Commissions as Second Lieutenants—H. C. Sargent of East Barre and P. D. Barnard and B. A. Field of Williamstown in the List.

Camp Devens, May 1.—Twenty-five Vermont men were graduated at the third series of officers' training schools and are eligible to appointment as second lieutenants. These men will be carried on the list of eligible officers and will be commissioned at such time as suitable vacancies occur. The names of the Vermont men are as follows:

Paul D. Barnard, Williamstown, field artillery; Sidney F. Bennett, Derby, F. A.; Winfield H. Boardman, Morrisville, infantry; Raymond C. Bridges, Rutland, F. A.; Charles P. Butler, Proctor, Inf.; Richard B. Cobb, Newbury, F. A.; Volney F. Durfee, Bristol, Inf.; Burton A. Field, Williamstown, Inf.; Leslie C. Griffin, Fairlee, F. A.; James H. Griswold, Springfield, F. A.; Harold W. Haskins, Bradford, F. A.; Lawrence E. Homer, Rutland, Inf.; Ralph E. Hovess, St. Johnsbury, F. A.; Hovey Johnson, Jericho Center, Inf.; Charles E. Keefe, Proctor, Inf.; William H. Kilton, Manchester Center, F. A.; William T. Kilborn, Rutland, F. A.; Hugh J. Kinsman, Rochester, F. A.; Joel J. Lamere, Ludlow, F. A.; Harold W. Morse, Burlington, Inf.; Mortimer R. Proctor, Proctor, F. A.; Herbert C. Sargent, East Barre, Inf.; Thomas M. Ford, Bristol, Inf.; Leo W. Williams, West Glover, Inf.; Arthur N. Willis, Pittsford, Inf.

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MORMONS DENIED STREET PERMIT

Barre City Council Flatly Opposed Request to Hold Meetings in the Open.

Summary dismissal of a request by the Mormon elders for permission to address street gatherings was the outstanding move made by the city council last evening in a session otherwise uneventful. Elders Lindsey and Anderson, with the former as the spokesman, presented their credentials as representatives of the Church of Jesus Christ and Latter Day Saints, and then made a formal request for the desired permit. Alderman Loranger made immediate answer by saying that he would remain consistently by the stand he took last evening when he voted to refuse the request. Alderman Alexander moved that the council refuse to deviate from the course followed last year. Alderman Rizzi seconded, and the motion carried without dissent.

Whereupon Elder Lindsey, after reciting the church's classification among the Christian denominations of the world, spiritedly requested the council to show cause for the alleged discrimination. Mayor Glysson ruled that the question, in view of the fact that the council had settled it, was not debatable. The request and its immediate dismissal calls up the agitation created in years past when the Mormons, after successive sessions of freedom in the public square, met a council that refused to continue the dispensation. Many argued that the council took an intolerant stand, but on the other hand its position was vigorously approved in other quarters and in late years the Mormons have been inhibited from holding meetings in the street, although other religious bodies continue to enjoy the privilege.

The council turned down another request when Luigi Romeri, whose request for a luncheon license was recently refused, submitted in writing his claim for a reconsideration of the case. Prejudice against his establishment on North Main street Mr. Romeri ascribed to the practice of boys loitering in front of the windows, a practice which he said could not be prevented from the inside. In closing, the lunch man hinted that the city might be called upon to take care of his family if the council should insist on removing his visible means of support. On the motion of Alderman Alexander the case was dismissed without further hearing.

Through Alderman Rizzi the Odd Fellows, who are to hold a state convention here in mid-May, asked permission to parade on the afternoon of the 16th, and to use decorations on the Howland and Gordon buildings. The request was granted on the motion of Alderman Reilly. A petition signed by Mr. and Mrs. J. G. McLeod, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Brown and Mrs. Agnes Williams asked for a cement sidewalk on Averill street, the walk to extend from Jefferson to Church streets. It was voted to honor the petition as soon as the finances of the city will permit. W. J. Kingston asked to be heard before the city deeds a small piece of land on Foster street. M. D. Keefe and the matter was left with the street committee. The clerk reported a customer for another small parcel of land in Orange, acquired when the city opened its reservoir. On the motion of Alderman Rizzi the clerk was directed to ascertain the price the customer is willing to pay.

Building permits were granted as follows: R. D. Carpenter to build piazza on Stone street; C. K. Cole, to erect garage in Maple Grove; J. C. Harris, to build all addition on Madison avenue; James Nicol, to build a piazza on Maple avenue; Mrs. Ida Russell, to reshingle at 18 Laurel street; A. Sanguinetti, to build a house on Currier street; Peter Purcell, to build a barn annex on Prospect street; Victor Stacy, R. Sironi and Alex. Colombo were granted permits to move small buildings. Brown & Rizzi received a luncheon license as the result of favorable recommendations from the license committee.

Warrants approved for payment were for: Edward S. Davis, sewer, payroll, \$207.71; street, sprinkling, sewer, surface sewer, sidewalk and bridge and culvert accounts; assessors' account, \$36.81 and \$93.14; fire payroll, \$126.93; police payroll, \$105.93; water payroll, \$100.37.

NATIVE OF WILLIAMSTOWN.

Mrs. Elwin A. Williams Died Last Evening of Pneumonia.

Mrs. Alice M. Williams, wife of Elwin A. Williams, passed away at the City hospital Tuesday afternoon at 5:55 o'clock. Mrs. Williams was stricken with pneumonia ten days ago, and had been undergoing treatment at the hospital for several days. Besides her husband, she leaves two sons, Lieut. Earle R. Williams of Little Silver, N. J., and Starkey E. Williams of Barre, her mother, Mrs. Emma Sleeper of Barre; her brother, Leslie W. Marston of Adrian, Minn., and a sister, Mrs. Alma Huntress of West Newbury, Mass. Three children died in infancy.

The deceased was born Alice Marston in Williamstown Nov. 9, 1865. Her marriage to Mr. Williams took place in Warren thirty-one years ago and for the succeeding fifteen years the family lived in Warren, coming to Barre in 1902. Mrs. Williams was a faithful member of the Pentecostal church and was warmly regarded for her estimable qualities in the church as well as in other circles.

Musical services will be held at the Williams home, 131 Washington street, Friday morning at 9 o'clock. Rev. B. J. Lehigh, pastor of the First Baptist church, officiating. Later the body will be taken to Warren for interment.

BURIAL AT MAPLEWOOD.

And Funeral of Mrs. Mary B. Edward Was Held Yesterday.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary B. Edward, whose death at her home on Prospect avenue Sunday night followed a long illness, was held at the house Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Those who acted as bearers were: John S. McDonald, W. Carson, John Stewart and Alex. Kirtland. Interment was made in the family lot at Maplewood cemetery, beside the body of the deceased's son, James B. Edward, whose death occurred last August.

Former Montpelier Man Appointed.

St. Albans, May 1.—Otis J. Gross of Barre street, formerly of Montpelier, has been appointed a deputy collector and inspector of customs and will be stationed at Derby Line, where he went to work. Burke Ellis of Lincoln avenue has been appointed a deputy collector and inspector and will be stationed in St. Albans.

ROUNDING UP SOME SUSPECTS

In an Attempt to Ferret Out the Middlesex Murder Mystery

ROBBERY MOTIVE FIRMLY BELIEVED

Autopsy Performed and the Body of John Hobart Taken to Waterbury

The body of John O. Hobart, the aged Middlesex man who was murdered in his home in that village Monday night, was taken late yesterday to Waterbury following the autopsy performed by Dr. B. H. Stone of the state laboratory of hygiene in Burlington earlier in the afternoon. The report from the autopsy has not yet been received. The funeral arrangements have not been completed.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hobart, the former the son of the murdered man, arrived in Montpelier this morning and after conferring with Sheriff Tracy went to Middlesex.

The number of men taken into custody on suspicion of connection with the affair was increased to five last night, but the number retained was soon reduced to three, as two men taken early yesterday were released after they satisfactorily accounted for their actions. The three other men lodged in jail last night by the sheriff are said not to have given thoroughly satisfactory answers to the queries put by the sheriffs. They are being held pending further examination.

No other motive than robbery has been advanced as a theory for the crime, and the investigating authorities are working on that theory as a basis for the search for the murderer, or murderers. Nothing about the house seems to have been disturbed excepting the trunk in which Mr. Hobart was known to have a considerable amount of money. State Attorney Davis stated to-day that the house did not seem to be in disorder except as it might have been left by the aged occupant himself, who lived alone and did his own work except for the assistance afforded by the chore boy, Elton Sherman.

GRANITEVILLE BOY WOUNDED BADLY IN WAR

Private John Murray, Another Member of the Old Co. C of Barre, on Casualty List, His Mother, Mrs. D. E. Murray, Gets Message.

Private John Murray, another member of the old Company C of Barre, has been severely wounded in action, according to a telegram which was received by his mother, Mrs. D. E. Murray of Graniteville, last evening. Private Oney E. Lanciault was the other who was recently wounded.

Prior to entering the service Private Murray was employed as a quartermaster at the E. L. Smith & Co. quarry. He became a volunteer for the United States government when Company C was forming in Barre last autumn and when the old 1st Vermont regiment was merged with other national units he became a member of Company M, 102d division, American expeditionary forces. He was among the early troops to go across the ocean.

Private Murray has a large number of friends in Barre and Town. He is 23 years of age. At Graniteville he belongs to Manchester Unity. He has several halfbrothers and halfsisters, one of the latter being a student in Spaulding high school in this city.

EDWARD—MOWATT.

Marriage Took Place at the Presbyterian Manse.

At the Presbyterian manse on Wellington street Tuesday afternoon a Miss Barbara Brown Mowatt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Mowatt of Claremont, N. H., former residents of Barre, and Alfred G. Edward, son of the late Mrs. Mary Edward, were married by the pastor, Rev. Edgar Crossland. The ceremony was performed at 4 o'clock, and the single ring service was read. Mr. and Mrs. Edward are to reside near Springfield, Mass.

The bride is favorably known in Barre. Her husband is a granitecutter by trade and for several years was associated with his brother in the manufacturing business. He went to the Mexican border with the 1st Vermont regiment, and continued in the service until last summer when the death of his brother made it imperative for him to take charge of his mother's affairs here. He received an honorable discharge, and for the past eight months had been employed here.

OFFERED TO VERMONT.

Pershing Veterans May Be Secured to Tell About the War.

Sec. J. G. Brown of the Vermont committee of public safety has received the following telegram:

"War department has released to this division for individual speaking tours for month of May 30 American soldiers just arrived in France and chosen by General Pershing to inform American people about our participation in war. How many can you use how soon and how long? Actual traveling expenses only to you. Please wire."

Sec. Brown suggests that any community desiring to obtain the services of any of the American soldiers referred to should make application at once to the secretary of the Vermont committee of public safety. Montpelier, stating when such speakers are desired, in order that the necessary arrangements can be made for these soldiers.

FOUR MORE HONOR TOWNS.

Three in Caledonia County and One in Lamoille.

Burlington, May 1.—Towns reported that have applied for the honor of being made honor towns are: Caledonia county—Barnet, W. Am. Sheffield. Lamoille county—